1   **MEMORANDUM**
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3   **TO:**   The Commission

4   **FROM:**   Lisa J. Stevenson
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14 **SUBJECT:**   MUR 7305 (Colorado Republican Committee) – Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation
15   Agreement
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18   On December 7, 2017, the Commission found reason to believe that the Colorado
19 Republican Committee and Marty Neilson in his official capacity as treasurer ("Committee")
20 failed to report receipt of a $132,560 transfer from the Republican National Committee on the
21 Committee's 2016 12 Day Pre-General Election Report. The Commission authorized pre-
22 probable cause conciliation and approved a conciliation agreement
23   Attached is a negotiated conciliation agreement that has been signed by the
24 Committee's General Counsel. Attach. 1. We recommend that the Commission accept this
25 agreement and close the file in this matter.

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4   We believe this negotiated settlement represents an acceptable resolution of this matter.
5 We therefore recommend that the Commission accept the signed conciliation agreement with the
6 Committee and close the file.

7 **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

8   1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Colorado Republican Committee and
9   Richard Elsner in his official capacity as treasurer;

10   2. Approve the appropriate letter; and

11   3. Close the file.

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[1]   The Commission has approved similar payment plans in MUR 7235 (Utah Republican Party) (resulting in a $17,500 negotiated civil penalty paid in three installments of $10,000, $4,500, and $3,000 due 30, 60, and 90 days after the effective date of the agreement) and MUR 7257 (TeaPartyExpress.org) (resulting in a $15,000 negotiated civil penalty paid over five months with an initial payment of $5,000 followed by four monthly payments of $2,500 each).